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CELLS FROM MATERNAL BLOOD

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 3, 2008

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action (hereinafter, the "Action") mailed on March 3, 2008, for which a response was due June 3, 2008. Therefore, this response is timely filed and it is believed that no fees are due. However, in the event that additional fees are required for entry of this paper, the Commissioner is requested to debit Deposit Account No. 06-0029.

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